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## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated April 26, 1999,  
Examiner Celsa required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121  
between claims of Group I (1-11 and 35-38), the claims of  
Group II (claims 12-24 and 32-34), the claims of Group III  
(claims 25-26) and the claims of Group IV (claim 27).

Responsive to this restriction requirement. Applicants hereby

provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-11 and 35-38, with traverse.

While Applicants agree with the Examiner that the identified groups of claims are distinct, it is Applicants' position that a search of prior art for the biocidal composition of Group I will require a search of prior art that is relevant to the method of making the composite particle of Group II. Thus, Applicants believe that the claims of Group I and Group III are so interrelated as to require simultaneous search and examination. Such simultaneous examination would provide a saving of time and expense for both the Patent Office and the Applicants. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement.

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Respectfully submitted

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